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FOOD LION DEVELOPER TAKES ITS CASE DIRECTLY TO THE RESIDENTS

Appeals to Public to Move the Rezoning Application Out of "Legal Limbo"

JDH Capital Corp., the developer of the proposed 95,000 square foot Food Lion shopping center to be located at the corner of NC 22 and Ray's Bridge Road, made a direct plea to the residents to urge Village Council to approve the developer's rezoning application and the applications for conditional uses on the parcel.

Rezoning and Conditional Uses

The developer has an option to buy all six of the properties on which the shopping center would be located. Five of the properties are already zoned to allow a neighborhood shopping center. One parcel behind Jerry's Food Mart is currently zoned residential, and the developer needs that property for parking for the Food Lion. As a result, the developer has applied to the Village Council to rezone that one property from residential to neighborhood shopping center classification.

If the rezoning of the one parcel is approved, the developer will then have to get conditional use approvals for the buildings it plans to construct on the entire property. This means that the developer will have to show the locations of specific buildings on the entire property and identify the type of use that will be made of that building, i.e. drugstore, supermarket, bank, retail shops, etc. Each proposed use would be reviewed by the Planning Board and the Village Council would make the final decision.

The development, to be anchored by a 36,000 square foot Food Lion

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Dr. John Gerwig showing his award ribbon for development of the dwarf variegated spaghetti tree. The tree's spaghetti fruit, pictured above, ripens in the early spring.

GERWIG WINS AWARD FOR HYBRID

Dr. John Gerwig, PhD. was recently awarded the Cultural Botanical Society, Alpha Chapter's agronomist of the year award for his development of the hybrid variegated dwarf spaghetti tree. Dr. Gerwig, a nationally known agronomist, and a contributor to the Pitch has developed this dwarf spaghetti tree over a ten year span, by a system known as cross flaxination. Starting with a red leafed linguine tree, Dr. Gerwig, in a series of cuttings and splicing, flaxinated a seedling vermicelli tree producing the offshoot dwarf spaghetti tree.

The State of North Carolina has the perfect climate for growing the spaghetti tree and it is anticipated that spaghetti will soon replace tobacco as the State's number one crop.

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EDITORIAL-

A NEW VILLAGE CHARTER-
Let the Voters Decide

The Village has a charter that was first adopted in the 1970's. Several years ago, the Village Council decided to amend the charter, purportedly to make it consistent with those State laws that had been enacted after the charter had been adopted.

Amending the charter is no small task. Charter amendments have to be approved by the Village Council and then by both houses of the State legislature and signed by the Governor. The attempted amendments four years ago were never adopted by the Village Council and they have been shelved ever since.

Then suddenly, with virtually no notice or prior discussion, the mayor placed a revised charter on the Village Council agenda for its March 7th work session. At that work session, this editor suggested that a full scale revision of the charter, giving residents far greater rights than they now enjoy, should be considered. There was very little discussion of the charter revision and no action was taken.

Several days later, to the surprise and chagrin of some council members, the Village Attorney, with no formal authority from the Village Council, sent a revised charter to Representative Boylan to be introduced as a bill in the legislature. Finally, at its regular meeting on March 14, Mayor Pro Tem Zamaroni again tried to push the charter amendments, asking for authorization to have Rep. Boylan file the bill, even if it had to be withdrawn later. To their credit, Councilmen Zschoche and Bateman failed to second the motion and the attempt to rush this ill advised Village revised charter amendment died an ignominious death.

We don't understand why Mayor Hopkins, Pro Tem Mayor Zamaroni, and the Village Attorney are in such a hurry to get these amendments approved after sitting there for two years. What's worse, these amendments completely ignore a multitude of rights that Village residents could be given under a new charter.

First, we note that our Village has an extraordinary amount of residents interested and participating in their local government. Second, we also note that most Village residents are well educated and articulate. Finally, we note that the size of the Village lends itself to greater citizen participation than might be found in larger cities such as Charlotte or Raleigh.

With this in mind, Village Council should assemble a Charter Revision Committee to study *all* of the possible provisions that could be included within a new charter. That Committee could then report back to the Village Council with its recommendations. What are these charter provisions that should be considered by the Village electorate? Here is a summary of some important voter rights that we think should be considered for our new charter:

Mayor– Council vs. Manager- Council Option. The proposed charter amendments appears to foreclose a Town Manager form of government. This option should be kept open and the Villagers should have the right to determine that issue. A manager form of government provides continuity and centralized management of the Village and should be seriously considered as we grow.

Voters' Right of Initiative. Many charters give voters the right to introduce ordinances for enactment. Generally, speaking, the charter would provide that if, a certain percentage (for example 15%) of the voters want an ordinance enacted, they would propose the ordinance to the Village Council. If the Council refused to enact the ordinance, the voters would vote on the ordinance in the next general election.

Voters' Right of Referendum. There are instances when local governments pass very unpopular legislation. Using the voters' right of referendum, a certain percentage of the voters (for example 15%) could ask the Council to reconsider the ordinance. If the Council refused to repeal the offending ordinance, the issue would be taken to the voters in the next general election.

Voters' Right of Recall. There are instances when an elected councilperson acts so contrary to the interests of the voters that they want him or her removed. Using a voters' right of recall, a certain percentage of voters (for example 25%) could file a petition of recall. A special election would then be held for that councilperson's seat (the councilperson could elect to run) and the person receiving a majority would be elected.

Impact Fees. Since the Charter would be adopted by the state legislature and signed by the governor, it would seem that a provision in the charter allowing the Village to collect impact fees would be sufficient to authorize the village to impose such fees.

Miscellaneous. There are numerous other matters that should be examined by the Charter Revision committee. At this time, the Pitch is not endorsing any of the Voters' rights described above. We are merely saying that these issues should be addressed by the Committee and brought to the Council and the voters for their approval or disapproval.

We don't approve of the way in which this recent charter amendment was handled. It seems that the Mayor has a penchant for pushing matters to a vote before the Village residents can voice their opinions. This is not a trend we would like to see continued.

Robert C. Gebhardt

C C W P News and Coming Attractions

MEMBERSHIP -

CCWP offers memberships that fit your active lifestyle…for golfers and non-golfers alike. CCWP strives to provide programs and amenities to keep you physically and socially active. Our Associate Family Golf Membership is ideal for the 45 year and under golfing family. $150.00/month plus initiation.

Includes: cart fee only, pool, fitness center, tennis, social activities, charging privileges

CCWP Golf members have reciprocal golf privileges at Foxfire. Active military get a 20% discount.

Call 949-3000 x354 for details.

GOLF

Pro Shop hours will change on March 15th to a.m. to 7 PM

***WORK OUT ROOM*:**

Open to all members 24 hours a day. Get a key to the workout room from Maureen at the Club.

Children under the age of 12 may not use the equipment in the fitness center. Children over 12 but under 18 years must be supervised in the fitness center by a parent or guardian.

FOOD and FUN:

Schedule for our Thagard Grill & Bar

Breakfast: Every Day — 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. (continental)

Lunch: Every Day —11 a.m. to 3 pm. (limited Bar Menu)

Bar: Every Day— 11 a.m. to 5:30 pm

Dinner: ***Friday only / Thagard Grill Dinner (served 5 to 8 P.M. with reservations)***

VILLA ROOMS

41 VILLA ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR WHEN YOU NEED EXTRA ROOMS FOR FAMILY OR FRIENDS.

Y O G A

Looking for an activity that will stimulate your body as well as your mind?
April 4, 18, 25 - Yoga classes will be held at the clubhouse.
TIME - 4 to 5:30 PM
Cost - CCWP members $15.00 per class
Or $50.00 for the series.
Drop Ins are welcome
Instructor - Karen Wheeler
949 6578 / 978 501 1875
Coming attractions T B A
for beginners and intermediate yoga classes.

CCWP April - 2007 Club Events

The *Half Way* house on the *EAST* Course will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm.
and
The *Half Way* house on the *WEST* Course will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
and
The Club House will be serving a breakfast buffet every *Saturday* and *Sunday* from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 am
All you can eat for $6.95

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April 2 - Mah Jong 10:00 a.m. EDR
Bridge at 1:30 pm
April 3 - Ninettes Bridge - 10:30 a.m. CR
April 4 - Art Class - 9:00 am
Bridge - 10:00 EDR
Yoga - 4:00 p.m. #1
April 6 - Twilight Golf - 3:00 pm
Thagard Grill Dinner (5 to 8 p.m. / reservations)
April 8 - Easter ***DINNER*** - two sittings - 12:30 p.m. and at 2:30 pm
April 10 - Duplicate Bridge 10:30 a.m. CR
April 11 - Art Class - 9:00 am
Whispers 10:00 am
Bridge - 11:00 am
Line Dancing - 6:00 pm
April 12 - Pinetops Tournament & Lunch
Focus Athlete 4:00 p.m. EDR
April 13 - Duplicate Bridge 10:00 a.m. CR
Birthday Night - 5:30 pm
Twilight Golf - 3:00 pm
Thagard Grill Dinner (5 to 8 p.m. / reserve.)
April 15 - Sunday Golf and Lunch SG 9:30 am
April 16 - Mah Jong 10:00 EDR
April 18 - Art Class 9:00 am
Member Association - 3:00 pm
Yoga - 4:00 p.m. TBD
April 19 - Focus Athlete 4:00 p.m. EDR
Bingo - MDR
April 20 - Twilight Golf 3:00 p.m.
Thagard Grill Dinner (5 to 8 / reservations)
April 23 - Golf Committee 3:30 p.m. BR
April 25 - Art Class - 9:00 am
Yoga - 4:00 p.m. #1 TBD
Line Dancing 6:00 p.m.
April 27 - Duplicate Bridge - 10:00 am

Easter Dinner / Make Reservations now
Two Seatings - 12:30 p.m. or 2:30 pm
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CCWP Ninettes / Pinettes / MGA - Golf Information

Ninettes - April, 2007

April 2 to April 23 at 9:00 TT
April 2 - East Front - Spring Handicap -Rd 1
April 5 - West Front - Spring Handicap -Rd 2
April 9 - West Back - Spring handicap - Rd 3
April 16 - East Front - Predict your score.
April 23 - East Back - 3 pars
April 30 - West Front - **9:00 SG**
Founders Tournament & Lunch.

Pinettes - April , 2007

April 3 - M/M Rain date West 8:30 SG or
Three Blind Mice West 8:30 SG
April 10 - Mutt & Jeff East 8:30 SG
April 12 - Pinetops at CCWP East 9:00 SG
April 17 - F & T Holes East 8:30 SG
April 24 - Spring Hdcp Rnd 1 West 8:30 TT
April 26 - Spring Hdcp Rnd 2/ West 8:30 TT
April 27 - Spring Hdcp Rnd 3/ West 8:30 TT

MGA - April 2007

April 4 - West Course - 9:00 a.m. SG
April 11- West Course - 9:00 a.m. SG
April 18 - Mxd. Scramble 9:00 a.m. SG
April 25 - Medal Championship Day 1
April 26 - Medal Championship Day
9:00 SG

Couples Sunday Golf and Lunch

April 15, 2007
West Course - Shotgun Start - 9:30 A.M.
Lunch Follows Golf
Game: Two best balls of the foursome.
Grab your partner along with another couple.
Sign up sheets posted on April 1st.

Hole-In-One

George Tovey scored his first career hole-in-one on March 10, 2007. He was playing the 122 yard 12th hole on the East Course of the Country Club of Whispering Pines. He used his 7-iron to reach the green. His playing partners were his wife Marge and Dave and Betty Hendrix.

Tee Times for daily play -

Call the pro-shop or go online .

To book tee times on line go to Whisperingpinesnc.com\teetimes
You may choose either of these options
starting at 5:00 p.m. eight days before play

Women's Carolina Golf Association

CCWP is a member of the Women's Carolina Golf Association. Their annual tournament will be held on May 8 to 10, 2007, at the Cape Fear CC in Wilmington, NC. Entry forms will be posted on the bulletin board in the next two weeks. Make up a foursome, or several foursomes, and enjoy a girls golf outing in Wilmington.
Seek out Betty MacDonald for more details .

WHISPERING WOODS - CLUB NEWS - APRIL,

Ladies Golf Association

9:00 a.m. Tee Time for April
April 3 - Best two net scores of the te a.m.
April 10 - F & T tournament
April 17 - Spring Handicap TT
April 19 - Spring handicap TT
April 24 - One Best Ball
April 25 - Matchmakers at Woodlake

Men's Golf Association

9:00 a.m. Tee Time for April
April 4 - Easter Tournament
April 11 - Te a.m. Par 3-4-5
April 18 & 20 - Spring Handicap Tournament
April 25 - Individual Skins (Gross & Net)

Pinettes and Heifer International

Heifer International is a Non Profit Organization that works to end world hunger by giving cows, goats and other food and income producing farm animals , and training , to impoverished families. Since 1944, this charity has helped more than 7 million families worldwide move away from poverty and towards self-reliance.

One of the cornerstones of HEIFER'S work is "Passing on the Gift." Recipients are required to share some of the offspring of their animals with others in need. It multiplies the benefit of every donated animal in ever-widening circles and builds strong communities.

You'll never find HEIFER'S name in your mailbox because they do not do direct mailing. In North Carolina, HEIFER works closely with NCSU and the NC Co-operative Extension Service on a 5-year project for farmers in Warsaw, Duplin County.

Resident members of two community groups may be eyeing this shipment of goats with special interest. The Pinettes donated $644.00 (enough for 5 goats), that they requested be sent to our own Gulf Region. Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines donated more than $6000.00 to HEIFER projects. Individual contributions often given as gifts for graduation, anniversaries, birthdays, etc., are welcomed. A phone call to Lois McKeon at 949-2330 will provide you with the information you need to support HEIFER International.

Pictured here are a few of the goats that will be taken to Louisiana by the Rev. Tom Currie.

Rev. Tom is shown with one of the goats that he raises on Auman's farm in Carthage.

He is a tireless worker for HEIFER International. He not only raises goats and donkeys, he is a spokesperson for the wonderful work that HEIFER does throughout the world.

FOOD LION MEETING

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was presented to the Planning Board in January. The Planning Board, with little comment, approved the application for rezoning and sent it on to the Village Council, but sent the developer's application for conditional use approval back to the developer.

The developer's problems started at the initial Planning Board meeting. Stafford Thornton, Chairman of the Planning Board, concluded that the conditional use application for each property would have to be separate and the developer would have to show the specific use that was intended for each property. It does not appear that the developer has responded to the Planning Board's requirements.

Village Council Cancels Public Hearing. After the Planning Board had forwarded the rezoning issue to the Village Council, the Mayor immediately directed the Village Clerk to publish a notice of public hearing on the rezoning. At the next Village meeting in February, Councilman Zschoche requested the hearing be cancelled because the full Village Council had not voted on setting a public hearing.

There was concern expressed in the Village Board meetings in February that the Village had virtually no ordinances that would allow the Village to ensure a quality development. To allay this concern, the Council created a commercial construction standards committee to study and propose construction standards for commercial development. That committee has not yet been selected. In the meantime, the public hearing was canceled, and discussion of the hearing will not come up again until May.

"Legal Limbo". Due to the significant issues that must be considered by the standards committee, it is unlikely that any recommendations will be issued in the foreseeable future. In the meantime, the Food Lion development is stuck in "legal limbo' as the developer described it. According to the developer's spokesman, David Clarke, Director of New Development, the developer has not purchased any of the six properties. Instead, the developer has contracts to purchase the properties, conditioned upon getting the rezoning and the conditional use approvals.

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Gerwig Botanical Award

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And, if you have believed this story so far, we have some swampland in Florida we would like to sell you.

APRIL FOOL

MINUTES OF VILLAGE COUNCIL
March 17 and March 14, 2007

♦Council approved minutes of the February 3, 2007, Workshop Retreat.
♦Council approved minutes of the February 7, 2007, Work Session, and the February 14, 2007, Regular Council Meeting.
♦Council approved the February 2007 Finance Report.
♦ Councilman Zschoche reported that a review of the proposed repair plan for the Cardinal Lake Dam by John Eddy, the Village's consulting engineer, indicated two items of concern for the Village. 1) The proposal to raise the height of the dam by 2 – 2 ½ feet by constructing a wall along Martin Way to contain storm water run-off; and, 2) obtaining flooding easements from adjacent property owners. Council agreed that the proposed plan would not be acceptable and voted to send the owner of the dam a letter stating that the proposed repair plan is not acceptable to the Village of Whispering Pines.
♦Council approved extending the service contract for the Land Use Steering Committee to $30,000.00. A line item transfer will move $5,000.00 from "Outside Contractor" to "Professional Services".
♦Councilman Zschoche reported that the water draw down on Spring Valley Lake revealed a lot of hazardous stumps and sandbars and the process of getting a contractor to remove the stumps has begun.
♦Councilman Saunders reported that the coves have become cluttered and unsightly during the winter months.
♦Council agreed that the maintenance department could access the coves by boat to clean them up.
♦Council approved a request from the Moore County Department of Public Safety to place a temporary EMS building at the airport for a period of 180 days to eliminate a mold problem in the existing facility.
♦Council discussed the possibility of allowing the Appearance Commission to also act as an Architectural Advisory Board which would make recommendations to other Village boards. No action was taken.
♦Council agreed to change the July 2007 Work Session Meeting date because of the July 4th holiday. The July meeting schedule will be July 11th for the Work Session and July 18th for the Regular Council meeting.
♦Council accepted an offer from Peter Campbell to purchase a 20 foot wide piece of property between 144 and 146 Pine Ridge Drive for $100.00 in accordance with the General Statutes upset bid process.
♦Councilman Bateman reported that all departments are on budget with 67% of the year gone by. Councilman Saunders reported that the aluminum can recycling trailer has again generated revenue for the Village, this time in the amount of $360.00. Letters are coming in opposing the Carolina Water Service rate increase.
♦Council discussed revising the Village Charter. No action was taken.
♦Mayor Hopkins and Mayor Pro Tem Zamaroni attended a meeting with the Town Manager of Southern Pines, Reagan Parsons, concerning the purchase of water and other services. Council agreed that it is in the best interest of the Village to own its own water system and the most economical way to start is with the water lines installed in the three new developments and to purchase water from Southern Pines. Council agreed to send a letter to the Town of Southern Pines informing them of their decision to enter into a contract to purchase water and the services of billing and maintenance.
♦An amendment to Article III "Finance and Purchasing", Section 2, "Purchasing" in the Village of Whispering Pines General Code of Ordinance was approved. The proposed amendment replaces the Village Clerk with the Deputy Finance Officer for signing purchase orders. Council agreed to change the minimum expenditure of $500.00 to $1000.00 for the purchase order requirement.
♦The Lakes and Watershed Board will be looking into dredging the lakes as part of their Lakes Management Plan.

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The Whispering Pines Thrift Shop

(Courtesy of Joan Molloy)

Monday, March 19th was the Big Day when the WPTS Board had a celebration to honor all our volunteers. One hundred of us showed up. Retired volunteers, current monthly and weekly workers, and subs came. CCWP served us a plentiful salad buffet and Avestra, thru Chip Harris, donated individual anniversary cakes for each table. (Did we forget to mention it was the Shop's 25th anniversary?)

The Incomparable Whisperettes entertained us with a (not to be believed) fashion show of second-hand clothes as they sashayed around the hall to Streisand's "Second-Hand Rose". Ann Robson gave a beautiful tribute to our volunteers, past and present, with special mention of the newest one-year volunteers. The theme was "Pennies from Heaven" a perfect metaphor for our most valuable asset.

The afternoon ended with a great performance from the Golf Capitol Quartet. WOW! As this reporter left, I saw the quartet in the lobby singing an Irish song to Joy Hertel just home from Ireland . They love to sing!

We, The WPTS Board were honored and privileged to "Celebrate our Volunteers".

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Roadside Cleanup

Whispering Pines Garden Club is having their Spring Roadside Clean-up on Saturday, April 14th. Please meet at 8:45AM at either the Old Rescue Squad Building on Rays Bridge Road or the previous Thaggard Church to receive bags and vests. Please wear gloves and bring your "pickers". Questions should be directed to Doris and Bill Russell 949-6549. Thank you.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

"Whispers" is hard at work preparing the 2007-2008 Whispering Pines Directory. Please call Judy Woodward at 949-2094 with additions and changes to any listing in the current Directory. Thanks for your help in our efforts to keep the Directory updated and accurate.

Thagard Island Clean Up

April 21st is designated the Final Thagard Island Clean Up day. Once again we need folks around the lake and other concerned individuals to help finish this project. We will meet at 9 AM at the Park on Lakeview Drive and finish up by noon.

We will also need 5 pontoon boats—plastic covering will be provided to protect the boats.
Please call Tom Daughtrey at 949-4211 if you can help.

Have you tried the new website of the Pitch?

Write a letter to the Editor on our website. Just go to www.wppitch.com. then click on Letters to the Editor. Enter your user name , (type the word "subscriber" it is the same for everyone) and enter your password (type "thepitch" it is the same for everyone. Then post your letter.

The issue this week is-
Should the Village build a new Village hall?

LAURA ON LIFE

(Courtesy of Laura Snyder)

When your kids are quiet, there is a problem. I used to wonder if there was a problem when I didn't hear them, now I'm sure of it. Unfortunately, when they are quiet, I always notice it too late to save the situation.

Quiet, in our house, means so many things, but tranquility is not one of them. Among other things, quiet means someone has just poured water on my laptop "to make it grow", or that my husband's electric shaver has just been given a bath in the bathroom sink (we consider ourselves very blessed if this did not happen while it was plugged in). It means that someone has taken a hole punch to all of my pantyhose or that there is a live animal of some sort that is being smuggled into to a child's bedroom.

Sometimes quiet means the calm before the storm, like just before a cat that is being held by one child, is about to get blow-dried by another child after a juice box has been emptied on him. Or the moments just before dad finds out that a child's name has been carved on the tailgate of his truck; when that child has stopped admiring his handiwork and is finally realizing his mistake. What excuse could he possibly come up with for doing something like that? I mean, it's his own name shining like a beacon out of that chipped paint.

Sometimes quiet is the calm <u>after</u> the storm like the one that occurs directly after a loud argument and the sound of glass crashing to the floor. When I rush into the room, chaos once again ensues as they try to explain who did it.

"Okay, how did the window get broken?"

"She did it!"

"Well, he made me!" Of course he did.

In any of these cases, quiet <u>always</u> means "Hurry! Someone or something expensive is in mortal peril!" When I hear the sound of silence, panic enfolds my mind. Since I'm never quite sure where they are when they are quiet, and it seems imperative to find out this instant, the word "Marco!" is issued at ten thousand decibels and if "Polo!" isn't immediately forthcoming, I'm on my feet and running to the place I specifically told them <u>not</u> to go ten minutes ago. They are usually there, brewing some kind of havoc.

If I had only one child, I might never know some of the trouble he'd get into. However, I have five, and if one is doing something he shouldn't be doing, one of two things will happen: Either another child will take great pleasure in loudly announcing his sibling's transgressions or he will join the transgressor in his scheme. He calculates the risk by thinking that if I happen to catch them, he can always say: "It was her idea!" They are only co-conspirators up until the point when punishment is going to be meted out.

Even knowing what silence means in my house, for some unfathomable reason, I still find myself saying about a hundred times a day, the two words that would strike terror into my heart if they ever actually obeyed me: "Be Quiet!"

Laura Snyder may be reached at lsnyder@lauraonlife.com.

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The gardens on the East Course by the 4th and 15th greens were funded by the golf lessons given to women by Doug Thompson and built by the maintenance staff?
Watch them bloom this spring!

COMPUTER CLUB
April 2007 Meeting

"**Goodbye, Windows XP – Hello, Vista**" presented by Art Reetz. April 9, 2007.

A brief overview of what's in store and how to survive if you switch your computer to Vista, the new Microsoft Windows operating system.

Art Reetz and his wife, Marlene, were raised in Yankton, SD, and have been residents of Whispering Pines since 1995. Art has an M.S. in physics, taught college math, and had a short career as a nuclear shielding engineer prior to joining NASA HQ in Wash., DC where he was involved in the development of several exciting space science projects including Voyager and the Hubble Space Telescope. At retirement, he was the NASA program manager for the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory.

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GOOD HANDS GANG

Sandy Fisher, left and Cynthia Norwood managing a simile at an ungodly hour in the morning.

With eyes propped open, the Good Hands Gang met on Monday, March 19th for the annual Good Hands Gang Easter Basket preparation. Thanks to all of you who contributed your time, candy, and groceries. The grand total was 405 Easter baskets, assembled and wrapped in two hours in the CCWP East Dining Room, and 41 food bags. Next project is the annual book sale in mid-May. In addition to books, we will be collecting jigsaw puzzles, CDs, DVDs and videos. We can not use Reader's Digest condensed books, encyclopedias, and text books. Materials may be left at 165 Pine Lake or 23 Cardinal Drive.

Ann Gerwig displays some of the 405 Easter baskets prepared by the "Gang"

Mary June Mills and Bonnie Gollehon putting the final touches on a basket.

Food Lion Meeting

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A part of the 100+ attendees at the developers meeting.

Clarke stated that approval must be obtained in months, since the purchase contracts will expire at some point in the future. For this reason, the developer scheduled a meeting directly with the residents of the Village to try to persuade them to put pressure on the Village Council.

Meeting with Residents. The meeting was held on Monday, March 26th, and over one hundred people were in attendance. Clark made a very professional and well organized presentation to the residents. He stated that the Village has the opportunity to have a well designed attractive shopping plaza in place of the collection of aged buildings currently on the property. He argued that the property was already zoned for neighborhood shopping and the developer would deliver a first rate development rather than a collection of mismatching small shops. He told the meeting that the developer would invest over $15 million.

Clarke said that a new prototype Food Lion was scheduled to be built, which had more attractive roof lines, a better inside layout, and an expanded inventory over that usually found in a Food Lion Store. He said that only one of these prototypes is in operation and that is in South Carolina.

He told the gathering that the pond, which is currently in the middle of the property is a man made pond and that a portion of it would be filled and cleaned up. He said that the development would have to get its water and sewer system from Southern Pines. This would require an extension of Southern Pines current system from Nick's Creek, and he said that the developer would be requesting Southern Pines to share in the construction of those sewer line.s

He said that Southern Pines water system is directly across NC 22 from the project and that the development expected Southern Pines to make water available to the site. Clark explained the site design which calls for the Food Lion to face Rays Bridge Road, and pointed out that a drug store, retail shops, and restaurants facing Rte. 22 are contemplated. Jerry's Food Mart would be demolished.

Clarke then opened the floor to questions, and patiently addressed concerns of the Village residents. In response to a question about what assurances the developer could give that the project would be built as designed, Clark stated that he had discussed proffering such assurances to the mayor and would be prepared to do so.

Clark stated that the project would go forward, even if a Harris Teeter was constructed near the corner of Airport Road and Rte. 22. He said that no feasibility studies had been done, such as determining whether Jerry's gasoline station had created an environmental hazard, and that none would be done until the approval process in the Village Council was complete.

David Clarke, Director of New Development for the developer JDH Capital, LLC

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BIRD CHIRPINGS-
MARCH 2007
(Courtesy of Susan Campbell)

Carolina Wren's Nest
Courtesy of Frank Ripp

Mallard nest begun in our yard

Spring has arrived in the Village! Cardinals and robins are singing, bluebirds are looking for nest sites and Sulfur and Little Blue Butterflies have emerged. It will not be long before the first Mallard ducklings appear on our lakes.

Our female Rufous Hummingbird is still around but will likely be joined by the first male Ruby-throated Hummingbird by the end of the month. However it is likely that she will head off on her way to the north and west on warm winds even sooner.

Steve Wilkins sent me an account of a Red-shouldered Hawk that managed to catch a bullfrog from their pond in the ETJ. Steve watched the hawk kill and eat the large frog but also noted that it left behind a salamander, most likely unpalatable, that the frog had recently ingested.

The **Ripps** already have a Carolina Wren nest in the cap of their gas tank along the side of the house. These fascinating little birds will find partially enclosed spaces to use as nesting sites such as hanging plants, barbeque grills, baskets and even old hats or coat pockets of garments left hanging in exposed locations. They do not usually take advantage of nest boxes the way that their cousins, House Wrens, do to the north.

Given that we are entering into the time of year when birds, especially nestlings are so very vulnerable to predation, it is critical that free roaming cats be under control, preferably indoors—especially at night. Cats are very efficient predators due to their good eyesight, keen sense of smell, sharp claws and stealthy behavior as well as their unending curiosity. Hunting is instinctive regardless of how well fed or cared for a cat may be. Our songbirds have no defense other than their own camouflage to protect themselves against predators. Adult birds as well as their young are often killed by cats that are active outdoors after dark. Only nocturnal birds such as owls and nightjars (Whip-poor-wills, Chuck-wills-widows and Nighthawks) are able to react to a nest invader in darkness. Cats are a significant and growing threat nationwide. It is estimated by the American Bird Conservancy that outdoor cats take hundreds of millions of songbirds each year in the US. And here in the Village significant mortality certainly occurs given that we have both feral and pet cats roaming outdoors. Please help make Whispering Pines a safer place for birds this breeding season by keeping your cat indoors as much as possible. Please continue to send wildlife sightings and photos to susan@ncaves. com or report by phone to 949-3207.

Male Bluebird examining the real estate in our yard

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Whispers

Wednesday, April 11

Social Hour-11:30am Lunch-12:00 noon

Country Club of Whispering Pines

Tai Chi

Master Lee Holbrook explains and demonstrates the styles of Tai Chi, an internal Chinese martial art often promoted and practiced for health and longevity. Variations are well known as the slow motion routines that groups practice every morning in parks across China and around the world.

Menu - $13.00

Cream of Asparagus Soup
Spinach Quiche Lorraine
Fresh fruit

Strawberry Crepes Suzette

Tea & coffee

Reservations deadline: **Sat. April 6**
Questions? 949-2156

*Mail checks to **Barbara Struble**
8 Bogie Drive
Your check (payable to "Whispers") is your reservation.

WE ARE FAMILY - A SAMPLE PROTEST OF WATER RATE INCREASE

The following was sent to us by one of our readers. If you disagree with the recent proposed rate increase by Carolina Water, you may wish to send this to the Public Utilities Commission.

Dear Ms. Elkins,

Reference Docket No. W-354, Sub 297

I wish to register my opposition to the rate increase recently requested by the Carolina Water Service, Inc., of North Carolina. This company is a utility equivalent of a slum landlord. The only thing it is interested in is milking as much profit as possible while putting back little or nothing by way of improving the water system. They fix it when it is broken, but that is it.

Our Village of Whispering Pines in Moore County has been able to expand only by allowing the Town of Southern Pines to provide water service. We even lost an annexation because the developer struck an agreement with Southern Pines to allow annexation in exchange for water service. Homes on new streets within the village proper have to dig wells, because Carolina Water Service will not lay any new pipe to expand their system.

Until this company starts behaving responsibly in this area, they do not warrant a rate increase of any kind.

Sincerely yours,

PERSONALS

LOCAL DEATHS We express our condolences to the families of the following Village residents:

Mary Hastings passed away on February 15.

WHISPERS

WHISPERS, the women's club of Whispering Pines, held a luncheon and program on Wednesday, March 14 at the Country Club of Whispering Pines. Local resident, Barbara Eschmann gave a talk and demonstration on her Christian Clown Ministry, Bow Jingles the Jester and Friends Clown Ministry®. She told about her mission to bring Jesus to children and showed posters of famous clowns she knows. Mrs. Eschmann began clowning six years ago. She is a Member of the World Clown Association, Clowns of America International, Fellowship of Christian Magicians and Red Nose Ranch for Comedy Western Acts and appears in a new clown book released this year, "20 Years of Laughter".

Barbara Eschmann with her clown costumes.

She tells and creates stories and songs once a month at Grace Church, but is available to tell Bible stories at area churches, as well as storytelling for libraries, preschool and day care centers. Upon request she can entertain at birthday parties or visit nursing home residents and hospital patients, as well as shut-ins, as Nurse Lovee Dovee. She is a part of the Grace Church Senior Care group that primarily visits nursing home residents on a one-on-one basis, but the future just may include a few clown shows for the residents. You can call Barbara at 949-2064 to ask her about her ministry or to arrange a visit from one of her clowns.

The next meeting of WHISPERS will be on April 11. Master Lee Holbrook will explain and demonstrate the styles of Tai Chi, an internal Chinese martial art often promoted and practiced for health and longevity. Variations are well known as the slow motion routines that groups practice every morning in parks across China and around the world. Luncheon will be cream of asparagus soup, spinach quiche, fresh fruit and strawberry crepes. Mail your check for $13.00 to Barbara Struble, 8 Bogie Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327. Deadline for reservations is April 6.

Village Council Minutes

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♦Council sent the fence ordinance amendment back to the Planning and Zoning Board to set specific styles and standards.

♦Council approved a request for Whispering Woods Development, LLC to reverse their Phasing by starting construction in Phase II rather than Phase I.

♦Council agreed to amend the Personnel Travel Policy by using the current GSA rate for travel allowances.

♦Council agreed that Chief Gregory should apply for a grant to acquire a new police vehicle. The grant would allow the Police Department to acquire a new police vehicle completely equipped with computers, valued at approximately $46,000.00, for $11,642.50.

♦Council discussed various alternatives for the organization of the Volunteer Fire Department. A meeting will be scheduled with Mayor Hopkins, Councilman Saunders, Chief Gregory, Reed Gaddy and representatives from the Volunteer Firemen's Association to discuss alternatives.

THE PITCH GROWTH REPORT
(Provided by Mike Poston , Dir. Village Planning and Zoning)

Bldg. Permits Issued		**Average Square Feet**
February		
Village	3	2376
ETJ	0	—
Year to Date 2007		
Village	5	2373
ETJ	0	-0-
Year-To-Date 2006		
Village	4	2453
ETJ	1	1159

♦Council approved a budget amendment. ($15,000) to "The MAPS Group" for Management and Personnel Services which includes a performance appraisal system and supervisory training.

♦Council directed the Planning and Zoning Board to negotiate a comprehensive annexation agreement with the Town of Vass.

♦Council voted to adopt the Architectural Standards Ordinance amendment to Chapter K which covers regulations on foundation plantings.

♦Council voted to reject the bid of $600.00 for the tank and pumper unit and donate the equipment to the Crains Creek Fire Department.

♦Councilman Zschoche asks residents to let him know if they want to be involved with the process for acquiring a certificate that would declare the Village a "Tree City".

TIPS FOR THE GARDENER – APRIL

(courtesy of John Gerwig, PhD)

The question that has been asked numerous times this year is: Why do we have so many pine cones this year and why are they so much bigger?
The most likely answer is favorable growing conditions. It all started in the spring of 2006 with good pollinating conditions. There was plenty of pollen spread over sufficient time for excellent pollination. The weather last summer had adequate rainfall and favorable temperature for the cones to mature.

Another explanation is that pines just naturally produce more cones some years than others. In this respect they are similar to some of our apple tree varieties that just have fruit every other year. Some trees need to rest occasionally and this is the way they manage it.

A third category is known as "Mast Seeding" that is found in tree species. This is a survival technique that trees use to make certain that their species is perpetuated. It usually follows a year when the tree is put under stress. Stress can be caused by weather, or any condition that is not favorable to growth. It also occurs when a tree is on its last legs and faces death, although in such conditions, the pine cones are small.
The reasons stated above are all valid. Favorable weather conditions are most likely the major factor for this year's situation.

April Hints: Following flowering is a good time to fertilize and shape, by pruning, your azaleas. Use a cup of 10-10-10 at the drip line of the branches. Do not lime in absence of a soil test. It is a good time to spray your azaleas for white fly. Use Sevin and follow label directions. Even if you do not have white fly, it will protect them from future invasion.

Even though your Bermuda and Centipede still looks dormant, do not spray this late in the year with Roundup. It will kill the weeds and also injure these grasses. They are starting to come out of dormancy and will be killed along with the weeds.

On your lawn you can use selective weed killers in fertilizer or sprays that kill and will not harm grasses. Be sure you read the label and follow directions. If you are going to apply pre-emergence weed killer, now is the time to do so.

If you have not limed your lawn in the last 3 years, apply lime according to a soil test or, in absence of a soil test, apply 100 pounds of lime per 1000 sq. ft. Do not fertilize warm weather grasses (Bermuda & Centipede) until they are growing – usually about May 1st.

Dr. John Gerwig is professor emeritus of Rutgers University and was for 30 years the Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension in New Jersey.

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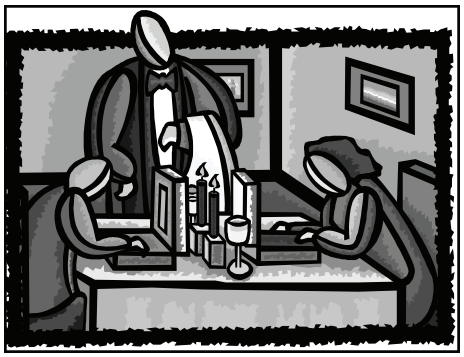
DINING OUT

Another monthly critique of restaurants in the Sandhills area for the non-connoisseur. **Sunday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. Little River Golf and Resort.** *See menu at http://www.little river.com/menus/dinner.htm.*

We had heard a lot of good comments about the dining room at Little River Golf and Resort, so Judy and Herb Conway and the editors were looking forward to a pleasurable dining experience. Contrary to our expectations, we found the dinner to be underwhelming and well below average.

We were seated immediately (not a difficult task when there is no one else in the dining room. The surroundings were pleasant and the dining room was very attractive. Had it been warmer, we might have dined outside on the porch, which provides an excellent view of the golf course.

The service was adequate, not great, but not bad. We found the noise from a bar full of golfers to be disconcerting, but not unbearable. Drinks came in a timely fashion which is always a



must for the entrée' editor.

Herb and the dessert editor both the Little River salad which was, frankly, blah! Judy had the Pear walnut salad which was very good and the entrée editor had the blue cheese wedge which was good, but not great.

For entrees, Judy picked the Chicken Irene, consisting of sliced chicken breasts in an angel hair pasta. She deemed it "very good". Herb had the sesame crusted ahi tuna, which appeared to be undercooked, and found it to be just average. The dessert editor ordered the oriental shrimp tempura which was fine. The entrée editor tried the red creek salmon and found it was overcooked, dry and not very good.

Several comments are worth noting. First, there were no vegetables or any of those other silly things that usually inedible, but are put on a plate to make it attract. While we hate to get fancy and use a connoisseur's word, the presentation was awful. You are always suspicious when your waitress starts out by telling you that they are out of certain entrée's (how can a restaurant be out of rib eyes?)

Finally, to the chagrin of the dessert editor who was dying to try her new elastic waisted slacks, the dessert menu was short, not very sweet, and just plain boring. The average cost of the dinner with a drink, but before tip was about $60.00. Our overall comments– *Ho Hum.* We would not go back, at least not for awhile.

Have you had a different experience with this restaurant, or any other restaurant critiqued by the Pitch? Put in your own critique. Go to the Pitch's website at ww.wppitch.com and then click on the Letters to the Editor to post you own dining experience.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

(Courtesy of Ernest Abrams)

Members attending the March Garden Club meeting heard Master Gardener, Helen Munro give an informative program on "Bluebirds." Helen presented a digital slide program photographed from the inside of a bluebird house. Members were able to see the female bluebird laying her eggs and turning them, the eggs hatch, the feeding of fledglings by the male and female and eventually the leaving of the nest.

The Eastern Bluebird used to be one of North Carolina's most common songbirds. There has been a 90% decline in the bluebird population in the United States. Man's activities have resulted in a continuing loss of the bird's natural nesting sites. Bluebirds are cavity nesting birds. We can help ensure their future by providing nesting boxes. The box should have a 1 1/2 inch entry hole, drainage and vent holes and the front or side should swing open for cleaning and monitoring. It should be placed on a pole about five feet high. A baffle should be placed below the box to provide protection from predators. The nesting box should be located in a clear area with some trees nearby. It should face away from prevailing winds. The box should be checked during the spring and summer months. Monitoring nesting boxes gives the birds a greater chance for survival. Helen suggested we should establish a bluebird trail in Whispering Pines with volunteers monitoring the boxes.

In other Garden Club business, John Hopkins reported plants will be delivered to the park caretakers on April 20th. The crepe myrtles on the causeway have been trimmed. Jay Farfalla, Bob Kern and George McNally worked with John on this project.

The next Garden Club meeting will be held at 7:30 pm, at the Whispering Pines Rescue Squad building on Ray's Bridge Road. Taylor Williams will present the program, "Managing Soil in the Sandhills." The club will also be holding its annual plant sale at the Rescue Squad building on Saturday, April 21st.

FREE INCOME TAX HELP!

AARP will be opening their tax-aide offices the beginning of February at several locations to offer assistance to taxpayers with middle and low incomes with special attention to those age 60 and older. Returns will be prepared and filed electronically.

If you have some questions that need answers, they will be happy to help you as well. The Tax-aides will be available at the Centura Bank in Carthage (947-1000) on Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; at the Library in Southern Pines on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; at the Boys and Girls Club at the Southern Pines Recreation Center (692-0777) on Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to stop in during those hours or call to make an appointment. If you have any questions, call Sallie Daughtrey at 949-4211.

MOORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING

The Moore County Senior Enrichment Center is offering the following programs for April. Please call 215-0900 for a complete listing of programs and activities or stop by the Enrichment Center at 8040 Hwy. 15/501 for a tour.

Thursday, April 5 1-5 p.m. *The Moore County Tax Department* will be present for one-on-one questions and answers regarding the recent reevaluation process.

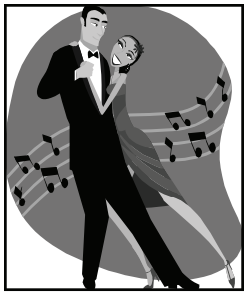
Tuesday, April 10 10-11:30 am *The Mystique of Birth Order. A* fun and revealing program by Keith McDaniel providing insight into why we are the way we are.

Wednesday, April 18 10 - 11:30 am *Meet Your Long Term Care Ombudsman*. Learn about this *advocacy program for residents of long term care facilities,* and meet the community volunteers that are associated with the program.

Thursday, April 26 10 - 11:30 am *Dreams and the Dreamer Keith McDaniel will be back to guide us in examining and exploring our dreams.*

Saturday, April 14 & 28 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. SEC Saturday Soirees. Live music will be provided for your dancing and listening pleasure. Bring your own refreshments. A small fee will be charged to cover the music.

Come visit our fitness room and join in our fitness classes. Tuesdays nights are Game Nights from 7 - 9 pm. Call 215-0900 to register or inquire about our programs.

BALLROOM DANCING

Ah, Spring! Won't you join with other residents for an evening of fun and enjoyable exercise, dancing on the spacious wood floor in downtown Carthage, 105 McReynolds Street!

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EASTER BRUNCH

Spring is here - Time for Easter Bunnies and Easter Bonnets at the Country Club of Whispering Pines Easter Buffet. This year the buffet is open to the public with 2 seatings on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007 - 12:30 and 2:30 P.M. - to suit your family's schedule.

To make your reservations call 949-3000, Ext. 360. Entrees include sliced ham, pork chops and filet of fish stuffed with crabmeat. Don't forget to include your kids! There will be special treats for all children under 12. Hope to see you there.

THINGS AND TIMES

(Courtesy of Bob Tice)

DOGS

- Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.
- My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog thinks I am.
- If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.
- Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.
- I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.
- The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.
- A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.
- There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.
- Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.
- The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

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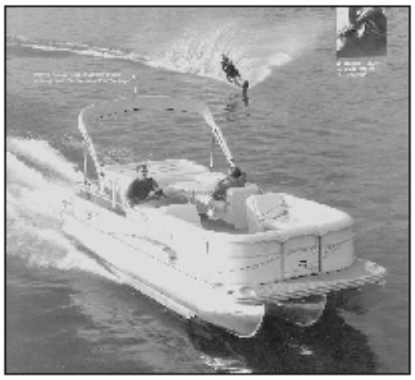

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Some History of Whispering Pines from the Pitch

(Courtesy of Bob Zschoche)

March 1972 (35 years ago).

- The Council concludes a proposed new Municipal Building is not needed at this time. (The land had been donated and a Committee had studied for more than 2 years).
- The Council denied a developers request to change the Zoning to allow for the construction of a shopping center.
- The Rescue Squad had a Fish Fry to raise money and charges $1.50 per person.
- The 'Bob Tice' columnist of 1972 provides observations as to what she likes about her husband including, "He always insists I use power tools when I work around the house".

March 1982.

- A public hearing is held on the Swimming Pool Ordinance. After much discussion, Council agreed the issue should be continued.
- Residents complained about a large number of trees having been cut down on the Golf Course.
- The WHISPERS luncheon holds a St Patrick's Day fashion show with model Mary June Mills.

March 1992.

- Council approved a mailing to all Residents about garbage collections rules and other general information.
- Golfers at a tournament at the Legacy include Ag & Bill Buckley and Alice Sheridan.
- New arrivals to the Village include the Radcliffe's on Hardee Lane.

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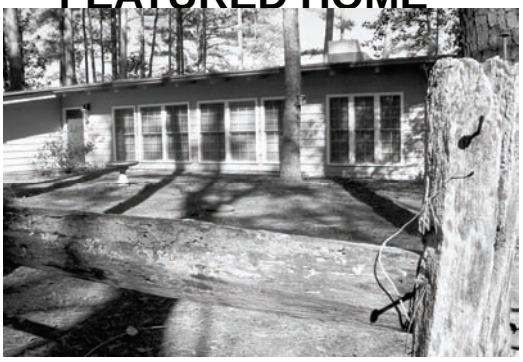
FEATURED HOME



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Babysitter Needed who loves children: in Whispering Pines for 8 month old. Part time 12 -15 hours a week and occasional evenings or weekends. Very flexible. Need good references. Good pay. Call 949-2134 or cbglackin@aim.com

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Care Giver. I, Ora Watkins, am looking for work as a care giver to the elderly or handicapped. Price is negotiable and I will work first or second shift. Call 944-1586 and please leave a message.

Caregiver's Services. I have 15 years experience in Moore County. References. Please call 910-246-3414.

Care provider. Healthcare provider/ companion for employment. Certified with WP references. Personal care, house cleaning, errands, etc. Part time or full time. Call 947-3835.

Cleaning and Caregiver Services: If you'd like someone reliable to clean your home, call 245-4194. Excellent WP references.

Cleaning Services: Mrs. Clean will make your home sparkle & shine. References upon request. 295-1535

Cleaning Services and in home care services. Manicure, pedicure, etc. Nancy Brown Call 464-9456.

Computer Services: Comp-U-Aide - Computer services and other electronic hookups. Fast turnaround, dependable, affordable, references. 315-4033 or 295--1535.

Computer Services: Diagnoses, repair, upgrades, and advice, Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer with WP references. Call Jim Reetz at 949-3733.

Concrete, Patios, Pavers, Stonework & Landscaping. Call 949-2921

Custom Framing – Will make frames and cut mats to order. Have a selection of moldings and mats available at reasonable prices – call Fred at 949-2778. melamimi@iglide.net.

Discover a World of Wellness! Improve your family's health and discover immune-enhancing, energy-boosting products Call 949-7261 or email

Financial And Insurance Services – JG Financial and Insurance Services. call 944-0575 or 949-3360.

Golf Carts Cleaned and waxed . Pick up and Delivered (910) 295-2903 (910) 528-1346.

Grocery Delivery. Ill, handicapped, don't have time? Munky Bizket Deliveries will deliver to your house for just $20 plus 10% of the receipt total. Call: 949-2724

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Home Repair Service: Andy On Call - discounts available – one year guarantee – Evening/weekend appointments available. Call 695-9988. Local references.

Dependable, Experienced and Mature Caregiver: House sitting; pet sitting; in home care for immobile children, adults, and seniors. Run errands; take seniors shopping or to dr.'s appointments. Call 245-3033 or 639-8346.

Holiday pictures professionally placed on a DVD with animations and music. Ideal for: Holidays, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Class Reunions, Graduations, Living Testimonials . Call 949-2777 for Our Special Holiday Package ... Senior Discounts

Income Tax Preparation. – It's that time of year again when we must face the tax man. Professional assistance is available right here in Whispering Pines. You can remove the agony of preparation by calling Sue Thomas at 949-2669.

Insurance: First Casualty Insurance Group – Dare to compare – call our agency for a free no obligation quote. Call 910-692-8303.

Irrigation Services: DCK Irrigation – Install complete irrigation systems. Service on all types of systems. Wire locator service. Call at 673-8762.

Irrigation Services: Install and service available. Call 949-3532.

Loving Private Duty Caregiver. Would like to assist elderly person with their personal needs. Have references. Call 947-3672 or 690-8885

Medicare Questions? NEW: Medicare Plan D. NEW: Medicare Advantage. Call Jake Gollehon at 949-3360.

Melissa's Pet Sitting: Any day and anytime. $10.00 per pet for each day. I bathe them . I walk, feed , and water them. Call 949-2013.

Mrs. Clean Cleaning Service. Reasonable rates. Call 948-3046

Painter and Handyman. Light carpentry work, install outlets and switches, fix roof leaks, water stains, sheet-rock etc. 25 years exp. painting. References. No job too small. Call Tom at 949-1137

Peggies Pet sitting Service. While you're on vacation or at work let an experienced professional exercise, feed and love your pets in their own home. WP resident, therapy dog owner and volunteer. References. Call Peggie at 949-1137.

Photographer. Weddings, anniversaries, corporate events & real estate. Reliable, affordable & professional. References and portfolio available. Call 949-6569

Private Tutoring: for 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader in reading, math, or writing . Recently retired Moore County teacher of 32 years. Call Doris Russell at 949-6549.

Journeyman, stone mason, build custom stone design or brick structures/ projects. Grind, tuck-point, repair and replace brick and stone. Call for a quote. 949-0430

Remodel Rooms: Painting and remodeling. Call 949-3532.

Sandhills House and Carpet Cleaning. Residential, office, rentals, new construction commercial professional service. Call 949-3311 or 638-1696.

Sew-It-Seems: Alterations by CJ Grant—Women's and men's clothing alterations. Prompt, quality workmanship, reasonable prices. 944-7347.

Spring Valley residents call Bill Adams for dock and bulkhead repairs or new construction, 215-7171

Travel Services: Need help with arrangements for tours, cruises, vacation travel? . Don Winslow at 949-3565 or donwin@charter.net

Yard Services: Prim's Lawn Service – Will install gutter guards. Eliminates cleaning your gutters. 949-3301.

Yard Services: T & H Yard Service—Residential & Commercial—we do yards, driveways, etc. Call 673-1508; 673-0664.

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